



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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### **City of Parma receives permission from County Juvenile Court To locally handle first-time juvenile traffic offenses**

**(Parma, OH)** – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero and Law Director Timothy Dobeck jointly announced today (September 13) that the Juvenile Court of Cuyahoga County has approved the municipality to handle first-time juvenile traffic offenses.

This means that minors who reside in Parma and have been cited for a first-time traffic offense will have a one-time chance to avoid a formal juvenile court record.

The traffic diversion program was supported by an independent Blue Ribbon Commission that Mayor DePiero appointed last year to make recommendations to ensure Parma's viability as a community, in addition to ensuring the municipality's future financial viability.

"Both Law Director Dobeck and I are pleased that the Juvenile Court of Cuyahoga County has given the City authorization to establish this program which not only gives first-time juvenile traffic offenders a chance to avoid a formal juvenile court record, but will enable the city to educate juvenile drivers on the issues of safety and responsibility," DePiero said.

Parma already has in place a juvenile diversion program, DePiero noted. Adding a juvenile traffic component will enhance the program, he said.

The program is under the auspices of the Parma law department and the Office of the Prosecutor – both headed by Dobeck.

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